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256 1-2 SECOND STREET
LAKEWOOD NEW JERSEY

May 15, 1930

American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York City

Gentlemen;

I inclose herewith telegram which I received yesterday from my father-in-law. (please return same for my files.)

I believe this telegram is self-explanatory. However, please mail at once special delivery "the most complete English and American coin catalog" to

Mr. Harry S. Jaeger
Collier Bus Terminal
Bradenton, Florida

Also send all information possible as to how and where to quickly dispose of most rare collection. Send catalogs, etc. direct to Mr. Jaeger as promptly as possible C. O. D.

When I received the telegram, I didn't know of any better place to get this information than the American Numismatic Society.

Very truly yours,

Harold H. L. Ober

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May 16, 1930

Mr. Harold H. L. Ober
256 1-2 Second Street
Lakewood, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 15th enclosing telegram from your father-in-law is at hand. The difficulties of meeting such a request as this are very great. In the first place the value of a coin depends largely on its condition, and no catalogue, even if illustrated, is able to adjudicate the condition of the piece which you may possess. Mistakes are bound to arise through the comparison of pieces in unequal condition.

Inasmuch as the desire seems to be to dispose of this collection, the further condition arises that no one who is wise will buy a coin without examining it. Taking or sending the coins to a dealer involves either the payment of the profit he expects to make on your collection, or, if the collection is sold at auction, the payment of a commission of thirty per cent or more. I am enclosing a list of coin dealers, and if you desire it, I can send you a catalogue of an auction sale of American coins held in England, with the prices in English pounds. If this seems worth three dollars, you could send it onto your father-in-law, returning it to me in the contrary event. I could possibly send a similar catalogue of English coins for a similar amount. But in view of the explanation given above, you will be forewarned that the outcome is hardly likely to be satisfactory.

If I can aid you further I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Enc. telegram